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SIR,

MONG all the Rules laid down to form a right Judgment of what *is*, or what is *not Truth*, I know none more certain than that kind of *Scepticism* call'd *Doubting*. *Cicero* justly obſerves, 'What is more 'bold than Rashneſs? Or 'what is ſo raſh and ſo 'unworthy a wiſe Man of Gravity and Perſeverance, 'than either to think wrong, or what he has not 'ſufficiently enquir'd into the Knowledge of to de'fend without the leaſt *Doubt*?' To give the Heart a Love of Truth and Sincerity, and to give it an Averſion to Error and Falſhood, all Prejudices muſt be laid aſide; we are not to take all Things for Truth which have been at firſt inculcated to us as ſuch; but when we arrive to that Maturity of Judgment as to *think*, we ſhould then begin to *doubt*: That is, we ſhould examine what Degree of Reaſon the Notions we have imbib'd contain, and therefrom know what Ideas we ſhould receive and what reject.

This Kind of *Enquiry* muſt naturally lead us into *Doubting*, which I take to be the firſt Step to *Knowledge*: Reaſoning cannot proceed from any other Cauſe: Caution, Circumſpection, and in ſhort, all Prudence and Knowledge ariſe from *not* taking every thing for granted without Enquiry; that is, without Precaution, and a *Doubt* whether it may *not* be the contrary, or at leaſt different from what we at firſt imagin'd.

I am very ſenſible of the Effects of *Prejudice*, and more eſpecially *Prejudices* in Education: The Authority of Parents, Maſters, Acquaintance and common Cuſtom lead Mankind into numerous Errors, which they ſo early and ſtrongly embrace, that Reaſon, and even *Demonſtration*, can never afterwards eradicate.

To know *Truth* from *Falſhood*, all our Opinions, however receiv'd or acquir'd, ſhould be deem'd *dubious* to *ourſelves*; and we ſhould, with all Impartiality and Sincereſs, review our Sentiments and ſcrutiny our Reaſon: Without ſuch Impartiality the greateſt Falſhoods may paſs for undoubted Truth, and we convey them down to Poſterity with the ſame Bigotry we were taught them.

A very eminent *modern Philoſopher*, indefatigable in his Search after Knowledge, laid it down as his firſt Maxim, *To doubt of Every Thing*, to come to a *Certainty* of *Any Thing*. It is certainly requiſite in examining any *Philoſophical*, or any other Propoſition, to have as little Byaſs as poſſible to either Side; but to conſider it as an entire new Queſtion, or as an old Opinion which Prejudice may have form'd. If the Mind can be brought to ſuch a juſt and impartial Indifference, which makes it Free, then through the whole Examination Truth is ſearch'd after, without any Concern which Side it may appear on: ——— Without this *Neutrality* of Temper it never can be diſcern'd on which Side *Truth* lies.

I would not have my merry Readers think I am going to lay down a Scene of *modern Scepticiſm* on the Rules of the *obſtinate Sceptics* of old, who doubted of the moſt ſelf-evident Propoſitions. If a Man was pounded in a Mortar I ſhould think it ridiculous ſhould he ſay he doubted if he were in Pain or not. *Common Senſe* is to begin and determine his Doubts; *Common Senſe* will not let us doubt what is *ſelf-evident*. Who could make a Suſpicion that *One* and *One* did not make *Two*? Or, who doubt that the Whole of any Thing is not bigger than any one of its Parts? An Enquirer after Truth ſearches to the utmoſt Receſſes of Things with Diligence, but at the ſame time with Reaſon; and it is ſome Time before he ſays what *is Certain* and what *is Diſputable*.

An Objection to this doubtful Syſtem ariſes from Men not caring, on Examination, to find they have been in the *Wrong*, and that they muſt conſequently, among their Friends and Acquaintance, make a Recantation of their former Errors: Many therefore obſtinately perſiſt in Ignorance, rather than ever acknowledge they have been ignorant; from hence their Life is a Dream of Folly, Superſtition and Nonſenſe, becauſe they have not the Courage to have the *World* know, what *moſt* of the *World* is, liable to, and affected by Prejudices.

In Sciences where *Demonſtration* is to be had, let *Demonſtration* only decide: Where *Reaſon* and *Argument* only can be advanced, let *Reaſon* and *Argument* have their juſt Weight: In all Diſquiſitions let *Conviction* only diſſipate our *Doubts*.

Some will adhere to whatever they have *ſaid*, becauſe they *have ſaid it*, though what they ſaid was without Thought or Reaſon; yet rather than give up a Point, or ſhew a *Doubt* they might have err'd, they will not have Patience to hear any Contradiction.

Jack Poſitive's Character is entirely of this Caſt: He is about Fifty Years old, and has Ten Years paſt taken on him much Sagacity and Knowledge, which he thinks Age, without particular Judgment, has conferr'd. *Jack* will not only at his Club, but in all Companies aſſume a Dictatorial Power in Converſation: He will affirm whatever he accidentally hears, or whatever accidentally pops into his Head; yet after he has *ſaid it*, be it what it will, he will maintain it to the laſt: The *News-Papers* frequently lead my Friend *Jack* into a Diſputation: The other Day he affirm'd King *Theodore* was crown'd in *Corſica*, and was to be ſupported by the *whole Britiſh Fleet*, under the Command of Admiral *V——n*.——Mr. *Quidnunc*, a great Coffee-houſe Politician, objected to his Intelligence, and pointed out the Inconſiſtency of ſuch a Scheme at this Juncture, beſides that there was no *Authority* for ſuch a Report. *Jack* grew warm, quoted a Paragraph that *Theodore* came from *Liſbon* in a *Britiſh* Man of War, and that it was in *Print*.——*Quidnunc* burſt out into a loud Laughter on ſuch a Kind of Proof; on which *Jack* roſe from his Chair, and clench'd his Fiſt;—had it not been for *pacifie Mediators*, War might have enſued, becauſe *Jack* would not even own a *Doubt* of what he affirm'd he had read in Print; nor a *Doubt* but what all that was in *Print* was *Truth*.

Mr. *Scrupulous* is a contraſt Character to *Poſitive*: He believes *nothing*; the moſt undoubted Things he *hums*, *haws*, and *objects* to. The *Gazette*, which is *Poſitive*'s Bible, and Proof *as ſtrong as Holy Writ*, is no more than *Apocrypha* to the other. Should any one read to him in the *Gazette*,—That on ſuch a Morning his Majeſty embark'd on Board his Yacht to go Abroad,—He would ſhake his Head, and ſay—*I don't know that*:———When he was told of the pompous Funeral of the *Dutcheſs of Buckingham*, he reply'd,—*It may, or it may not be ſo*;——*I did not ſee it*:—— In ſhort, *Will Scrupulous* would not believe his Wife *dead*, 'till ſhe had been four and twenty Hours *bury'd*.

Theſe are Inſtances of a *falſe* Doubting in both Extremes: *Common Senſe* will conduct us from them both. *Self-evident Truths* are few, but yet there are *Truths* which are not to be found without Examination and Reaſoning. We have Popular Deceptions and Errors without Number, but a Man by accuſtoming himſelf to a Habit of *Doubting*, i. e. of *Self-Reaſoning*, may get over them: He ſhou'd be careful how he admits a *new Opinion*, which Care will be conducted by ſome *impartial Doubts*.

I know not, Mr. *Stonecaſtle*, how this Leſſon of *Doubting* may be receiv'd by your *Female Readers*; but I would have them take great Regard to the Maxims I have laid down.

In all Affairs of *Love* and *Marriage*, *Doubting* is very neceſſary for the *Ladies*, for that Woman who fixes an implicit Faith in what her Lover may promiſe and vow, without raiſing ſome Scruples of its Sincerity, is in a very fair way of being led into a fatal and irretrieveable Error. When *Harry Maſkwell* made his Addreſſes to *Angelina*, he appear'd the moſt affable, complaiſant, good-natur'd, obliging, fond, engaging Creature, that ever was born. *Angelina* was captiv'd more with his Temper than any other Qualification; ſuch a Temper ſhe thought muſt make her happy. Her Brother, who was acquainted with *Maſkwell*, inform'd her all this Sweetneſs of Temper was Artifice; and that by Nature he was haughty where he had Power; morouſe where he dar'd be ſurly; and a Railer againſt Women in all Companies, but in the *Company of Women*. *Angelina* would not form a *Doubt* of the good Opinion ſhe had entertain'd of her Lover; She would not, what moſt Women have a Joy in doing, put his *Temper* to a *Trial*: To ſo *good natur'd a Creature* ſhe could not find in her Heart to give a Moment's Uneaſineſs.——This *good-natur'd Creature* ſhe married; and this *good natur'd Creature* could hardly paſs the mock Scene of an amiable Temper quite thro' the Wedding Day; but long before Honey-Moon was over, poor *Angelina* was convinc'd, to her Sorrow, that ſhe was yok'd for Life to a *haughty, ſurly Brute*, who married her only for her Fortune.——Alas! *Angelina* did not *doubt* his making one of the beſt of Huſbands.

I would have all Maids, in general, *Doubt*: I wou'd not have them believe the Vows of their Lovers 'till they have ſome Proofs of their Sincerity: I would adviſe them to examine how far what was ſaid to them was *Truth*; but I am afraid this Doctrine will not be embraced by many Women. If an agreeable Man tells a Woman he is in Love with her, ſhe is not willing to *doubt* it: A Lady who hears it paſſionately whiſper'd into her Ear, *She is one of the fineſt Women in England*, She does not Care to *doubt* it is Flattery. In Short, there is no Woman *doubts* but ſhe has ſomething agreeable about her: Let ever ſuch a Dowdy be told ſhe is pretty, the firſt Time ſhe comes to a Glaſs, ſhe examines herſelf from Top to Toe, and finds out a Thouſand Charms ſhe did not before know ſhe was Miſtreſs of; therefore I myſelf *doubt* this Part of my Lecture will not have the Effect among the Fair Sex as I could wiſh; however, I ſhall not think any Attempt vain which is calculated for their Service.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Stockholm, April 9. The Departure of the Troops destin'd to recover the Islands of Aland was not countermanded, as was said in our last, but only postpon'd for a Day. The 3d Instant they set Sail, and this Day Advice came that they had landed in the principal Island, and attack'd the Russians so vigorously, that though the latter were 1200 strong, they were declared and part of them taken Prisoners. This News has occasion'd great Rejoycings among the People.

Stockholm, April 12. The Order of the Peasants push on vigorously the Affair of the Generals Lewenhaupt and Bodenbruck: They not only inquire into all the Steps taken by those two Generals while they had the Command of the Troops, but also take Notice even of their Discourse on several Occasions. Among other Things the Peasants insist upon knowing with what Design one of these Generals said before he set out for Finland, 'That he was going to Command the 'Troops; but that the Success of the War cou'd 'not but be doubtful, since several of his Friends were 'of Opinion that it was begun in a wrong Time.'

Baron Scheffer, one of the Deputies lately sent to Petersburg, is set out for Abo in Company with Capt. Graham: They carry full Powers for our Plenipotentiaries to sign Preliminary Articles if they see Occasion.

Florence, April 5. General Breitwitz, upon the earnest Solicitations of the Baron de Neuhoff, having wrote to the Great Duke to acquaint him with the Propositions which the Baron had made, his Royal Highness sent the following Answer to M. Breitwitz: 'That how singular and impracticable soever the 'Propositions of the Baron de Neuhoff were, he took 'his Zeal and kind Intention in good part; that he 'might even assure him of this, in case he was within 'the Reach of being spoke or sent to, but that as to 'his Projects, and the Succour which he had demanded, it neither was convenient for the Regency nor 'the Generality to concern themselves therein in any 'sort.' The Baron is still with his Nephew in a Country House six Miles from hence. Nothing is more certain, than that if the Corsicans are discontented with him, he is not less so with them on the Score of their Ingratitude, who, after having avail'd themselves of the Arms and Ammunition which he sent them on board Ships freighted by Merchants of his Acquaintance, had frustrated these Merchants of the Returns which they expected in Commodities of the Produce of the Island.

Genoa, April 6. The Republick has receiv'd Advice, that the King of Great Britain has sent express Orders to Admiral Matthews, not to give any Assistance either to the Baron de Neuhoff, or to the Rebels of Corsica, and not to permit any of the Ships of his Squadron, either to carry them Ammunitions, or any other Thing whatsoever; but on the contrary, to put under Arrest, and to suspend the Captains who shall disobey these Orders. We are also inform'd by Letters from Bastia, that the People of the Island have lately had a general Assembly, at which it was agreed to propose to the Republick certain Conditions, upon its granting whereof they should be content to live under its Dominion. So that the Royalty of the Baron de Neuhoff is now absolutely out of the Question. They have provisionally chosen for their Chiefs, Capt. Grandonio de Tavagna, for what relates to Military Affairs, and Dr. Juliano, a Lawyer, to have the Direction of Civil Matters.

Parma, March 31. All Commerce with France is prohibited, and our Merchants have receiv'd Orders to countermand the Goods that may be coming to them from that Kingdom.

Bologna, April 9. The Head Quarters of the Spanish Army are at Rimini; the Troops are distributed in the adjacent Places, where they are throwing up Intrenchments, and drawing a Line to prevent any Surprize from the Austrians. It is said they will remain in this Position, until the Court of Naples comes to a Resolution about the March of her Troops.

The main Body of the Austrian Army is still on the other Side of the Panaro, and Count Traun does not as yet seem to prepare to follow the Spaniards.

Ratisbon, April 18. We have received Advice that Count Maurice of Saxony is arrived at Amberg from Dresden, and that Marshal Broglio is to leave that Place forthwith, in order to go and give Orders for the March of the Troops that are on this Side of the Danube. It is now given out, that the French have changed their Plan of Operations, and that instead of marching towards Egra, as it was thought, their Army will assemble on the Frontiers of Franconia, that they may join Marshal Noailles's Army in case of need, and baffle the Projects of the Auxiliary Army coming from the Netherlands.

Baron Plettenberg, the Austrian Minister here, has received Advice that a Detachment of the Body of Troops which Count Keverhuller has sent towards the River Vils, having turned to the Left, made themselves Masters of the Post of Griesbach the 8th Instant, which was defended by 130 French and 250 Bavarian Huntsmen, who were made Prisoners of War.

Rome, April 21. The Earl of Stair having received at Aix la Chapelle a Courier from London, with important Dispatches relating to the March of the English Troops, his Excellency set out from thence the 18th Instant, and lay that Night at Duren: The next Day he dined at Leichnich, from whence he proceeded to Bruhl, where he met with Major General Baron Wenge, whom the Elector our Sovereign had sent to compliment him. Yesterday the Earl arrived here, and had a private Audience of the Elector, who detained him to Dinner: This Morning he is set out for Neuwied.

Paris, April 19. The Duke of Count Piosasque's Journey to Versailles is to obtain for the Emperor the sole Command of all the French Troops that are to act in the Empire this Year.

Hague, April 25. It appears by Letters from London, that they don't doubt there that as soon as the King of Great Britain arrives in Germany, several Princes and Circles, who have not yet declar'd themselves, will come into the Measures concerted between his Britannick Majesty and the Queen of Hungary.

We have Letters from Lisbon which say, that the Inquisitors having discover'd that there were Free Masons in that City, found Means to take up about 18 of them; that they examin'd them about the Secret of the Society; but upon their refusing to reveal it, the Inquisitors declar'd to them, that they should remain in the Prisons of the Inquisition until they give satisfactory Answers on that Head.

LONDON

They have actually begun to work at *Hanover* on the rendering the River navigable from thence to *Bremen*.——*Bremen* was purchas'd but a few Years ago, yet the Interest of that Place and *Hanover* is not forgot in the present Hurry of Affairs in *Germany*; and even in a Time of War they are improving their Commerce.——*But in another Place another System of Politicks is follow'd.*——

His Majesty's Baggage is order'd to be put on board the Yatchts this Day, and his Majesty's Departure is fix'd for the 28th of this Month.

We hear that his Majesty will be attended to Flanders by Twelve Yeomen of the Guard, and Six Warders of the Tower.

Monday his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland's Regiment appear'd on the Parade in St. James's Park, when a certain Number from every Company were draughted off, in order to go abroad with his Royal Highness.

It is said that Admiral Vernon will have the Command of the Squadron appointed to observe the Motions of the French Fleet at Brest, who are daily expected to sail out of that Port.

Count Ostein is elected Archbishop and Elector of Mentz, in spite of all the Endeavours of the opposite Party.

Sir John Cust, Bart. is elected Member of Parliament for the Borough of Grantham in Lincolnshire, in the room of Sir Michael Newton, Knight of the Bath, deceas'd.

Col. William Elliot, Member of Parliament for Calne in Wiltshire, is appointed one of the Equerries to his Majesty; and on Tuesday a new Writ was order'd to be issued out for electing a Member for the said Borough in his room.

We hear from Oxford, that on Thursday se'nnight his Grace the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon was presented to the Degree of Doctor of Laws in full Convocation. The Presentation Speech was made by Dr. King, Principal of St. Mary's Hall, in which Hall his Grace was educated.

On Friday last his Majesty was pleas'd to make the following Promotions in the Army, viz.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford to be Colonel of the Fourth Troop of Life-Guards, in the room of the Earl of Effingham, deceas'd.

The Right Hon. the Lord Tyrawley to be Colonel of the Second Troop of Horse-Grenadiers, in the room of the Earl of Crawford.

Col. Brown to be Colonel of a Regiment of Horse in Ireland, of which he was Lieutenant-Colonel, in the room of the Lord Tyrawley.

Col. Ingram to be Adjutant-General of his Majesty's Forces, in the room of the Earl of Crawford.

Lieut. Col. Frampton, of the First Regiment of Foot-Guards, to be Colonel of a Regiment of Foot on the Irish Establishment.

Gen. Folliot, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Foot-Guards, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Foot-Guards, in the room of Col. Frampton.

And Col. Churchill to be First Colonel of the Second Regiment, in the room of Gen. Folliot.

Preferments in the First Regiment of Foot-Guards.

Col. Rombouillet, the Company late Duncomb's; Lord Ossulton, Col. Lascelles's Company; Capt. Beauclerk, Lord Harry Beauclerc's Company; and Lord George Bentinck is appointed Captain-Lieutenant, in the room of Col. Rombouillet.

Preferments in the Second Regiment.

Col. Douglas to be First Major, in the room of Col. Churchill, and Col. Braddock to be Second Major in his room; Col. Mostyn succeeds Col. Braddock in his Company, and the Lord Viscount Bury succeeds Col. Mostyn as Captain-Lieutenant.

Preferments in the Third Regiment.

Col. Byng to be First Major, in the room of Col. Skelton; Col. Reynolds to be Second Major, in the room of Col. Byng; Capt. John Scott, of the Second Regiment, to be Colonel of Col. Reynolds's Company; and the Earl of Hume to be Captain Lieutenant, in the room of the Lord Viscount Petersham.

Preferments in the Horse and Regiments of Foot.

Lieut. Col. Wardour to be Colonel of the Regiment of Invalids; Lieut. Col. Roberts succeeds Col. Wardour as First Lieutenant-Colonel in the Second Troop of Life-Guards; and the Earl of Effingham succeeds Col. Roberts as second Lieutenant-Colonel.

Col. Hopson is appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of General Fuller's Regiment of Foot.

Major Knowles is appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of General Farrell's Regiment of Foot.

Major Hammond is appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of Col. Fowke's Regiment of Foot.

Major Doyne is appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of General Read's Regiment of Foot.

And Major Holmes is appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of Col. Lowther's Regiment of Marines.

Thursday se'nnight the Captain, a 70 Gun Ship, new rebuilt, was launch'd at Woolwich, and the Command given to Capt. Byng, Brother to the Lord Viscount Torrington. There were several Persons of Distinction on board, and it was reckon'd as fine a Launch as ever was seen.

Tuesday was held a Court of Aldermen, when the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, nominated Horatio Townshend, Esq; one of the Commissioners of the Excise, to be one of the Sheriffs for the Year ensuing.

Last Week Dr. Jernegan, of Golden-Square, was married to Miss Belafyse, Daughter to the Hon. Rowland Belafyse, Uncle to the present Lord Fauconberg.

They write from Edinburgh, that Thomas Graeme, of Balgowan, Esq; was married a few Days ago to the Right Hon. the Lady Christian Hope, Daughter of Charles Earl of Hopoun, deceas'd.

Last Sunday Jacob Potter, Esq; was married at Hackney to Miss Charlotta Davis, only Daughter of George Davis, of Weston-Hall in Norfolk, Esq; an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 10,000*l.*

Last Sunday Morning Mr. John Brown, a Gentleman Farmer, at Wormley in Hertfordshire, was married at St. Luke's Church in Old-Street, to Miss Ruth Radley, Daughter of Mr. Radley, a wealthy Tallow-Chandler in Bishopsgate-Street, an agreeable Lady, with a handsome Fortune.

Monday was married, at St. John's, Southwark, Mr. Spencer, an eminent and wealthy Iron Founder in Rotherhith, to Miss Alice Spencer of the same Place, a celebrated Beauty, with a Fortune of 10,000*l.*

Last Sunday was married at St. Lawrence's Church, by Dr. Bell, Mr. Joseph Jebb, an eminent Hofier at Chesterfield in Derbyshire, to Miss Lamb, Sister to Dr. Jebb's Lady of Stratford, an agreeable Lady of great Merit, and 3000 l.

On Tuesday Mr. Barnaby Backwell, Nephew and Partner to Samuel Child, Esq; an eminent Banker at Temple-Bar, was married at St. Paul's Cathedral to Miss Peggy Clarke, Daughter to the late Samuel Clarke, Esq; an eminent Turky Merchant, an agreeable Lady with a considerable Fortune.

Tuesday Morning Captain Spencer of Burr-Street, Wapping, was married to Miss Molly Carpenter of the same Place, a young Lady of great Merit, and a Fortune of 5000 l.

Sunday se'nnight died at Bath, Sir John Bland, of Kippax-Park in Yorkshire, Bart. who, in the Life-time of his Father, Sir John, went in the Retinue of the late Bishop of London, Lord Privy Seal, and her late Majesty Queen Anne's Plenipotentiary to the Congress at Utrecht; and was also chosen one of the Knights of the Shire for the County Palatine of Lancaster, in the Parliament appointed to meet at Westminster, Nov. 12, 1713. Which County he continu'd to represent in the two following Parliaments of King George I. He married the Lady Frances Finch, Daughter of Heneage, late Earl of Aylesford, by whom he had Issue three Sons, John, Hungerford, and Edward; also four Daughters, Anne, Elizabeth, Frances, and Charlotte-Mary, all unmarried; and is succeeded by his eldest Son, now Sir John Bland, Bart.

Last Saturday died, at his Lodgings in Gerard-Street, aged 63, Sir John Aubrey, of Llantrithed in Glamorganshire, Bart. He serv'd as Representative for Cardiff in the same County, in two Parliaments, in the Reign of Queen Anne: He married three Wives; first, Mrs. Mary Saley; secondly, Mrs. Frances Jepnson; thirdly, Mrs. Jane Thomas. By his first Lady he had two Sons; John, who is unmarried; and Thomas, who married Martha, Daughter of Richard Carter, of Carlton in Bucks, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Grand Sessions for the Counties of Brecknock, Glamorgan, and Radnor; by whom he hath two Sons, John and Thomas. Of the Daughters of Sir John, by his first Lady, only two liv'd to be Women, viz, Mary, who is unmarried, and Elizabeth, who married Henry Limot, of Horsham in Sussex, Esq; and died Jan. 20, 1734-5, leaving one Daughter. Sir John, by his second Lady, had only two Daughters, Frances and Margaret, who are both unmarried: His third Lady died without Issue. He is succeeded by his eldest Son, now Sir John Aubrey, Bart.

Last Week died, at his House at Stratford, in an advanced Age, Capt. Thomas Collet, many Years in the East-India Company's Service.

Monday se'nnight died, at Powden in Cheshire, aged 108, Mr. Brown, a Gentleman Farmer. It is remarkable that he liv'd the whole Time in the House where he was born.

Tuesday se'nnight died, at his Seat at Enfield, Ambrose Page, Esq; formerly an eminent Brewer at Bow, and in the Year 1720 was one of the Directors of the South-Sea Company.

The same Day died Mr. Morgan Bynham, an eminent Brewer at Hackney.

The same Day died, in an advanced Age, at his House at Hummerton near Hackney, Mr. Bosanquet, formerly an eminent West-India Merchant of this City.

On Wednesday se'nnight died, at his House in the City of Bath, in the 72d Year of his Age, Dr. George Cheyne, a Person of great Learning and Abilities, and one of the most eminent Physicians of the present Age.

Last Thursday se'nnight died, at Knightsbridge, Mr. Aylesworth, who kept the Boarding-School for young Ladies on Chelsea-Common. He was one of his Majesty's Band of Musicians, and a famous Performer on the Violin.

Thursday se'nnight died, in an advanced Age, Mr. Anderson, many Years Master of the George-Inn in Aldermanbury, reputed worth upwards of 12,000 l.

Last Week died at his House in Portland-Street, Cavendish-Square, aged 74 Years, Thomas Taylor, Esq; Lieutenant-Captain of the first Troop of Horse-Grenadiers now in Flanders, and last Sunday Night his Corpse was interr'd at Mary-le-Bon near Paddington.

Last Week died, at his House in Bear Lane, near Christchurch in Surrey, Mr. Williams, a Pawnbroker of great Business; who, in a few Years, by poor Peoples Necessities, acquir'd a Fortune of 20,000 l.

A few Days since died the Rev. Mr. John Frewen, Rector of Gestling and Vicar of Fairlight, near Hastings in Sussex: The Rectory is in the Gift of Sir William Ashburnham, Bart. and the Vicarage in the Gift of Lady Powell, Relict of Sir Christopher Powell, Bart. late Knight of the Shire for the County of Kent.

A few Days ago died, at Cumbermeate in Cheshire, the Rev. and Learned Dr. Joseph Clark, a Gentleman of great Piety and Humility; who never enjoy'd any Church Preferment, but liv'd on his own Fortune, which was about 120 l. a Year, which he has left to his only Daughter.

Last Week died at Hackney, Mrs. Thompson, a Maiden Lady of great Fortune, and Sister to the Lad. of Stamp Brookbank, Esq; late Governor of the Bank.

Last Week died, at his House in Fleet-Street, Mr. Watts, a famous Operator for the Teeth.

On Saturday last died Mr. Newman, a noted Undertaker in Little-Britain.

On Saturday last died Mr. Webb, of Coleman-Street, aged 100 Years, who retain'd his Senses to the Day of his Death. His eldest Son succeeded Mr. Dubois as Treasurer to the East-India Company; a Place of great Credit and Trust.

Last Saturday Night died, after a few Days Illness, Mr. Holly, many Years Master of the St. Paul's Head Tavern near Guildhall.

Last Sunday died Mr. Ezekiel Dow, an eminent Mercer in Pater-noster Row.

Last Sunday died at Stockwell, Mr. Horn, aged 102, formerly an eminent Grocer in the Borough of Southwark; who, having acquir'd a handsome Fortune, wisely retir'd from Business some Years ago, that he might spend the Remainder of his Days in Peace.

Monday Morning died, of a Pleurisy, the Lady of Henry Hoare, Esq; of Lincoln's Inn-Fields, who five Days before was deliver'd of a Daughter, and was thought to be out of Danger. She was an agreeable Lady, and is much lamented by all her Acquaintance.

Tuesday Morning about Four o'Clock died, much lamented, at his House at St. Margaret's-Hill, Southwark, Thomas Inwen, Esq; Representative in Parliament for the Borough of Southwark. He was an indulgent Husband, a tender Father, a sincere Friend, a constant and generous Benefactor to the Poor, and as a Member of Parliament, ever in the true Interest of his Country.

We hear Alexander Hume, Esq; one of the East-India Directors, intends to offer himself a Candidate for the Borough of Southwark, in the room of Thomas Inwen, Esq; deceas'd.

Tuesday died at his House in Lambeth, Mr. Marsters, an eminent Furrier, reputed worth 10,000 l.

Tuesday died of an Apoplectick Fit at his House in Montague-Street, Spital-Fields, Mr. James Lefevre, an eminent Silk-Handkerchief Weaver, reckon'd to have died very rich.

Last Week was interr'd, in the Church of St. Martin in the Fields, in a private Manner, the Body of Mrs. Elizabeth Lockman, the Widow of Ascanius Christopher Lockman, Esq; who died on Thursday the 8th Instant, after about fourteen Days Illness. She has left one Son and one Daughter by her first Husband, ——— Halsey, Esq; who was an eminent Merchant, and one of the Council at Bengal; and was afterwards married to ——— Sheldon, Esq; who died Governor of Bengal. Her Son John Halsey, Esq; is now Chief of Cassibuzar, and Second of the Council of Bengal; and her Daughter is married to Capt. Hutton of Barbadoes.

Last Saturday Night was buried, in the Church-Yard of St. Olave-Hart-Street, Mr. Thomas Martyn, formerly an eminent Haberdasher and Thread-Merchant, who died a few Days before in the 81st Year of his Age, at his House in Monkwell Street. He retir'd some Years since from Business; had many valuable and excellent Qualities, which made him useful to his Friends; so that he died ripe in Years and Virtues, and his Loss is much regretted by all who knew him, for Enemies he had none.

We hear his Majesty has been pleas'd to present the Rev. Dr. Wilson, Son to the Bishop of Sodor and Man, to be one of the Prebendaries of Westminster.

Also the Rev. Mr. Haye, to be a Prebendary of the same Cathedral.

The Lord Bishop of London has presented the Rev. Mr. Gibson, his Lordship's Son, to the Rectory of St. Botolph Bishopsgate, worth 430 l. a Year, void by the Death of the last Incumbent.

His Majesty has been pleas'd to present the Rev. Harvey Aspin, L. L. B. to the Rectory of Hartest cum Boxted, in the County of Suffolk.

The Collection for the Sons of the Clergy was as follows:

	l.	s.	d.
At the Rehearsal ———	334	19	2
At the Church, the Feast Day	74	17	6
At Merchant Taylors Hall	329	13	9
Total	809	10	10

Tuesday se'nnight, at the Quarter-Sessions at Hicks's-Hall, was try'd an Appeal on an Information exhibited by Mr. William Smith, a Pilot, Appellant, against Cornelius Barnes, a Master of a Ship, Respondent, for the said Barnes taking upon himself the Charge of his own Ship, as a Pilot, out of the River Thames, the said Ship not being either a Coaster or Collier, and he the said Barnes not being duly licensed as a Pilot, as is requir'd by an Act of Parliament made in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign; where, after a full Hearing, the Respondent was convicted of the Fact, and thereby incurs the Penalty of 20 l.

Tuesday came on before the Commissioners of the Excise an extraordinary Trial, his Majesty Plaintiff, and an eminent Distiller Defendant: The Case was this; the Officer seiz'd from the Distiller upwards of 190 Gallons of Liquor, which he said was English Spirits mix'd with Foreign Rum; which the Distiller denied, and said that they were English Spirits distill'd from Sugars, and put into Rum Casks to give it the Flavour of Rum: After hearing of Counsel on both Sides, and the Judgment of several eminent Distillers, the Commissioners thought proper to dismiss the Information on account the Quantity of Rum could not be prov'd that was mix'd with the Spirits, and order'd an Information to be laid against the Distiller, for mixing of Foreign Goods with British, not in Sight of the Officer, which is 40 s. a Gallon, and the Goods so seited.

We hear that Mr. Carey, a Butcher, in Pear-Court near Hockley in the Hole, who has been 50 Years an Inhabitant in Clerkenwell Parish, is 89 Years of Age, and who has not had a Tooth or Stump in his Head for 12 Years past, has had within these two Months an entire new Set of Teeth cut; he felt a Pain in his Gums several Times lately, but never knew what was the Occasion of it till his Teeth began to appear.

On Wednesday se'nnight a Fire broke out at the Seat of Henry Master, Esq; at Hull in Yorkshire, which consum'd the same, with the Out-houses, &c. and had spread itself to the Custom-house, but was prevented from doing much Damage thereto when the Letters came away; it was fear'd that his Lady, two Children, and two of his Servants, had perish'd in the Flames.

Yesterday se'nnight the Sessions ended at the Old Baily, when the six following Prisoners receiv'd Sentence of Death, viz.

James Clopp and John Eyers, for robbing Mr. Barnard Mereft Byfield of 9 l. on the Highway.

George Watson, for breaking open the House of Mr. Thomas Meckwold.

Sarah Williamhurst, for the Murder of her Female-Infant. And

Elizabeth Cannon and Anne Elliot, for robbing Mrs. Elizabeth Coles of upwards of 16 l.

On Tuesday Morning a Sharper, well dress'd, went to the Lace-Chamber at the George Inn in Aldersgate-street, under a Pretence of buying some Lace for a Merchant, and cheapen'd several Pieces, all which he said were so dear that he could not venture to buy them, without consulting his Principal, which he would do at Change, and then return and give an Answer, whether he would have them or not; and then desir'd the Owner of the Lace to give him a Memorandum of his Name, which whilst he was writing, the Sharper took an Opportunity to pocket a Piece of Lace of 9 l. Value, and got clear off with it.

There are Letters in Town, with an Account, that the Fox Man of War, which had been at the Canaries, to exchange Prisoners, was arriv'd at Madeira, and had brought there Capt. Wilson, of the Enterprize,

taken on a Voyage to Guiney; Capt. Marshal, of the Glasgow, bound to St. Kitt's; Capt. Newton, Capt. Baxter and Capt. Skinner.

By a Letter from Gibraltar, dated March 2, we hear, that the Spanish Register Ship, taken by Capt. Greenvil, in his Majesty's Ship the Romney, on the Coast of Portugal, is in part unloaded; 473 Serons of Cochineal, and 76 Chests of Silver, being already landed. It is not doubted but there is more Silver on board. The rest of her Cargo consists of Hides, Indico, and Tobacco.

Besides the Chests of Silver already carry'd to the Bank out of the Squirrel, Capt. Gerry, there has been found in the Ballast upwards of 15,000l. in Gold.

By a Letter from Madeira, dated March 23, N. S. we are inform'd, that about the Middle of January last two Spanish Privateers sail'd from the Canaries for the Coast of Africa; they both belong to the Havanna, One is a Snow that mounts 14 Carriage Guns, six Pounders, 14 Swivels, and 130 Men. The other is a Schooner of 10 Carriage-Guns, four Pounders, 10 Swivels, and 90 Men. They are both under the Direction of one Matthias Beeton, an Englishman, bred up under Capt. Thomas Goss, in the Guiney Trade. He is perfectly acquainted with every Part of the Coast; and 'tis believ'd here that he will do a great deal of Mischief.

Extract of a Letter from Weymouth, April 16.

'Yesterday came into this Harbour the Endeavour of Pool, Benner, from Cherbourg; the Master says 'that the 3d Instant sail'd from thence a Privateer 'Snow, of six Guns; that the 10th the same Privateer brought into Havre a Ship from Virginia, laden 'with 300 Hogsheads of Tobacco; and that on Sunday last sail'd from Cherbourg, a Dogger Privateer, 'which, as Mr. Bennet was well inform'd there, was 'design'd for Bristol Channel; the Captain of her is 'a Calais Man, and most of the Crew Natives of 'France. Capt. Bennet further says, that he was detain'd at Cherbourg 14 Days, as were also some other 'English Vessels——because they should not come to 'England to give any Account of the said Privateers.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, April 16. The King has been pleased to approve of the Right Hon. Thomas Earl of Effingham, to be Deputy Earl Marshal of England, in the room of his Father, Francis Earl of Effingham, deceas'd.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint John Cleveland, Esq; Clerk of the Acts of his Majesty's Navy, in the room of Thomas Pearse, Esq;

The King has been pleased to constitute Alexander Geddes, and James Compton, Esqrs. Commissioners, in Quality of Principal Officers of his Majesty's Navy.

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